

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON HARGROVE**, on February 21, 2001 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Hargrove, Chairman (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Pete Ekegren (R)
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Edward Butcher (R)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lynette Brown, Committee Secretary
David Niss, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SJ 18, 2/19/2001
Executive Action:

HEARING ON SJ 18

Sponsor: SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, SD 37, Proctor

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, SD 37, Proctor, said this resolution supported President Bush's tax plan cut. He said this was a common sense approach to tax relief. **SEN. TAYLOR** told the committee that the first part of the tax plan (1) takes the five tier income from five to four tiers, (2) includes tax relief for parents with tax credits for education, elderly and disabled relatives, (3) eliminates the marriage tax penalty, (4) death tax is gone, and (5) it uses only 1/4 of the expected \$5.6 trillion surplus this year with the other part of the surplus going to social security, debt reduction, education, medical and defense. **SEN. TAYLOR** added that a family of four that made \$35,000 or less would pay no federal income taxes. This resolution endorses that program, he said.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony: None****Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

SEN. TOOLE asked **SEN. TAYLOR** what a death tax was. **SEN. TAYLOR** responded that the death tax was the a tax on the value of the estate upon the death of an individual.

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, SD 37, closed SJ 18 and urged its passage.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 18

Motion/Vote: **SEN. TOOLE** moved that **SJ 18 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 1-5 with Toole voting aye.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BOHLINGER** moved that **SJ 18 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 5-2 with Elliott, Franklin, and Toole voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:20 A.M.

SEN. DON HARGROVE, Chairman

LYNETTE BROWN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (sts43aad)